

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town of Hopkinton

1898

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OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER, LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AND
HIGHWAY AGENTS

OF THE

TOWN OF HOPKINTON

TOGETHER WITH THE

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

CONCORD, N. H.:
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1898.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

1st. Received from I. D. Merrill, loan,	\$1,000.00
saving bank tax,	2,764.42
railroad tax,	450.90
literary fund,	140.12
insurance tax,	28.50
support of county paupers,	163.83
dependent soldiers,	206.55
town histories, sold,	3.00
	\$4,757.32

2d. The selectmen are chargeable with orders drawn on the town treasurer, amount- ing to	\$17,436.15
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STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

Paid state tax,	\$2,355.00
county tax,	2,291.54
	\$4,646.54

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid treasurer of school district,	\$3,148.69
school-board for books and supplies,	319.63
	\$3,468.32

MEMORIAL DAY.

Paid Colonel Putnam Post, G. A. R.,	\$50.00
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HOPKINTON VILLAGE FIRE DISTRICT.

Paid George A. S. Kimball, treasurer, 1896-7,	\$80.00
Elisha Sanderson, treasurer, 1897-8,	395.00
	\$475.00

CONTOOCOOK PRECINCT.

Paid John A. Fuller, treasurer,	\$700.00
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COUNTY PAUPERS.

Paid Mrs. B. F. Robinson,	\$73.71
George Lamprey,	30.14
Robert Walker,	16.19
Joseph Straw, burial,	4.00
Mrs. Susan Hoyt,	17.79
William Welch, uncollected,	3.93
W. F. Lincoln, board of Edwin H. Barton to Jan. 1. 1898,	26.00
Board of Arthur E. Carkin at Industrial school to Jan. 1. 1898,	13.50
	\$185.26

DEPENDENT SOLDIERS—COUNTY.

Paid Mrs. E. K. Downing,	\$61.25
to Feb. 5, Mrs. Belle E. Walker, board of David Walker,	65.00
Dr. W. P. Beauclerk, professional services to David Walker,	66.75
clothing and supplies, David Walker,	11.80
	\$204.80

TOWN PAUPERS.

Paid E. B. Dunbar, burial of Nicholas Nye,	\$15.00
to Feb. 1, Frank E. White, board of Augustus R. Chandler,	48.43
to Feb. 15, clothing and supplies furnished Augustus R. Chandler,	14.00
	\$77.43

HOPKINTON FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

Paid John S. Kimball, trustee,	\$150.00
Frank I. Morrill, trustee,	150.00
	\$300.00

BREAKING ROADS.

Paid A. W. Sumner, spring, 1897,	\$28.45
W. H. Milton, spring, 1897,	56.54
L. H. Dearborn, spring, 1897,	58.97
W. H. Milton, winter, 1897-8, to Feb. 1,	128.69
S. F. Eastman, winter, 1897-8, to Feb. 1,	114.83
L. H. Dearborn, winter, 1897-8, to Feb. 1,	57.29
J. C. Rowe and others, shoveling drifts,	3.08
Wm. Welch, shoveling drifts,	1.51
James Hoit, shoveling drifts,	2.10
E. E. Chase, plowing out roads,	3.13
Albert French, plowing out roads,	1.30
S. F. Eastman, spring of 1897,	13.63
	\$469.52

HIGHWAY AND BRIDGES.

Paid L. H. Dearborn, to Feb. 1, 1898,	\$1,005.70
S. F. Eastman, to Feb. 1, 1898,	1,083.90
W. H. Milton, to Feb. 1, 1898,	1,319.77
J. Arthur Jones, snowing Rowell's bridge, 1896-7,	5.00
C. W. Smith, snowing Contoocook bridge, 1896-7,	10.00
George W. French,	12.65
James M. Perry,	.53
George E. Lord,	.97
Harry E. Blanchard,	17.90
Henry W. Goodrich,	1.95
Melvin E. Brown,	5.93
Chandler Bros.,	1.80
W. H. Sanborn,	2.75
Charles H. Mills,	8.35
William N. Foote,	4.50
William Watts,	12.45
Jacob S. Tuttle,	1.00

Paid S. E. Morrill,	\$1.00
George R. Mills,	11.55
	\$3,507.70

TEMPORARY LOAN.

Paid I. D. Merrill, amount of loan,	\$1,000.00
I. D. Merrill, amount of interest,	23.72
	\$,023.72

MISCELLANEOUS.

Paid John S. Curtice, return of marriage,	\$0.25
George C. Blaisdell, return of births and deaths,	7.25
John S. Kimball, paid school expense, telephone, express, and postage,	1.46
William A. Patterson, car fare, postage, and stationery,	8.00
John A. Fuller, cash paid out of town physicians for return of births and deaths,	4.00
Rand & Tasker, tiling, cement, and supplies,	114.63
Contoocook Electric Light Co., town house and town lights to Jan. 1, 1898,	47.00
Kimball & Co., use of telephone,	.30
George W. Piper, clearing Stumpfield cemetery,	7.00
W. E. Mudgett, bedding for tramp house,	.50
John S. Kimball, taking deposition,	1.00
John A. Fuller, return of births, deaths, and marriages, and burial permits,	16.55
W. E. Mudgett, cement for sewer pipe, etc.,	5.00
S. E. Morrill, horse hire,	16.12
Van R. Paige, maintaining watering trough to November, '97,	3.00
John A. Fuller, record book for births and deaths,	6.50

Paid John Rollins, maintaining watering trough 1896-7,	\$6.00
Cyril T. Webber, care twenty tramps,	10.00
W. P. Beauclerk, return of births and deaths,	1.00
S. E. Morrill, horse hire after settlement, 1897,	4.50
Electric Light Co., lighting Contoocook bridge to Jan. 1st, 1898,	26.04
George P. Hadley, surveying on Academy hill,	8.25
Jonn S. Kimball, services and expense in George M. True burglary case,	14.00
H. P. Wilson, rent of land for tramp house, 1897,	2.00
Charles A. Morrill, labor on sewers,	3.00
S. E. Morrill, labor and drawing plank, etc.,	3.00
E. G. Runnells, horse hire to Feb. 15, 1898,	13.50
E. G. Heath, maintaining watering trough, 1896,	2.25
W. E. Mudgett, supplies furnished 1896-7, (shovels, picks, etc.),	9.70
F. I. Morrill, cash paid for watching fire at W. S. Davis's,	6.00
J. A. Fuller, insurance on town house,	25.00
George Tyler & Co., repairs on American road machine,	14.00
F. B. Kenney, maintaining watering trough for 1896,	3.00
Cyril T. Webber, care 56 tramps,	28.00
J. Frank Hoyt, damage by washout, spring 1896,	10.00
Cyril T. Webber, care 20 tramps,	10.00
W. A. Potter, blade for road machine,	8.00
E. G. Runnells, cash paid out to Feb. 15th, 1898, and labor on iron railing,	20.05
Charles T. Chase, labor in Contoocook ceme- tery,	5.25

Paid W. F. Fuller, printing tax bills,	\$2.25
John W. Woodward, electric light fixtures for town house,	8.55
A. M. Duston, repairs on tramp house and derrick,	1.25
W. A. Potter, casting for road machine,	1.20
F. A. Blake, labor on sewers,	1.50
Horace J. Davis, chestnut plank,	6.40
Concord Foundry Co., base and grate for man hole,	3.00
A. H. Currier, freight on road machine parts,	1.90
George Blood, drawing plank and brick for sewers,	2.75
E. G. Cilley, repairs on road machine,	7.82
Cyril T. Webber, care 4 tramps,	2.00
W. A. Potter, side rail for road machine,	10.75
George Tyler & Co., parts for road machine,	8.50
Charles T. Chase, mowing Contoocook cem- etery,	6.00
S. E. Morrill, labor on man holes and high- ways,	3.50
Charles T. Chase, labor on highway,	.75
John S. Kimball, cash paid out sundry ways,	1.70
William C. Russ, shingles, lumber, and la- bor on town house and new rear fence,	30.12
James C. Rowe, care 4 tramps,	2.00
Silsby & Son, books and supplies,	13.82
F. H. Kelley, stove for Lyceum Hall,	12.50
George W. Burnham, maintaining watering trough 1897,	3.00
A. Perley Fitch, 1 dozen sulphur candles,	2.50
Elmer B. Dunbar, self, teams, and men mak- ing roads, cutting trees, and regulating grave stones in village cemetery,	43.25
E. B. Dunbar, labor on south road sidewalk,	8.25
Harry E. Blanchard, self, team, and grade for washout,	4.00

Paid Edson Page, mowing front of town grounds,	\$0.90
George W. Elliott, railings, spikes, and labor self and man on Henniker road,	21.02
G. A. Stevens, posts, railings, spikes, and labor,	13.95
John M. Foss, hauling grade,	13.75
Kimball & Co., road agent supplies and electric lamps, etc.,	15.49
Lerman H. Mills, labor on posts, cutting and housing wood,	6.30
Lerman H. Mills, raking stones,	1.95
James C. Rowe, wood and repairs on tramp house,	.75
Charles A. Mills, repairs on snow plow,	1.00
Whittier Bros., planks for culverts and sawing posts,	4.95
William A. Patterson, treasurer, 2,535 brick for sewer traps,	19.01
Andrew Symonds, cleaning town house vaults and hauling sand,	3.60
George W. Elliott, railings, etc., and labor, self, man, and team,	19.12
Charles Hunt, arrest and care 2 vagrants,	1.00
John M. Foss, hauling stone for iron railing,	3.00
W. F. Fuller, printing tramp notices,	2.40
W. G. Reed, electric wiring and material inside and outside town house,	16.00
W. S. Davis, iron railing and supplies,	38.92
Lerman H. Mills, clearing cemetery and town grounds,	10.00
G. A. Stevens, guide posts and setting same, Contoocook,	.75
W. L. Buswell, damage by turning water on land,	3.00
J. E. Fellows, painting and material on town house porch,	.50

Paid J. E. Fellows, painting and material in town house,	\$2.75
Edson Page, mowing and clearing new cemetery,	9.90
Dr. M. E. M. Flanders, return of birth,	.25
D. L. Gage, 1 quart bottle ink and express,	.75
Charles H. Mills, sawing wood for town house,	.75
Charles French, board of auditors and officers at settlement,	4.00
Amos Frye, $\frac{1}{2}$ cord dry wood for town house,	2.00
Republican Press Association, printing 650 town reports,	48.00
A. Perley Fitch, 1 dozen sulphur candles,	2.50
Sargent, Hollis & Niles, professional services,	125.00
James C. Rowe, care 8 tramps, repairs on tramp house,	5.00
Charles Hunt, services as policeman,	5.00
James C. Rowe, care of 6 tramps,	3.00
James M. Hook, mowing, etc., Clement Hill cemetery,	5.00
True J. Putney, clearing Putney Hill cemetery,	1.00
Herbert French, labor, etc., on Estabrook burial lot,	2.30
C. H. Martin & Co., paint, etc., used on Estabrook burial lot, etc.,	1.78
John G. Patch, postage and stationery,	3.58
E. B. Dunbar, janitor at town house,	10.00
S. E. Morrill, cash paid for freight, etc.,	1.55
S. E. Morrill, postage, stationery, car fare, etc.,	5.55
John A. Fuller, drawing and notifying jurors,	4.82
John A. Fuller, taking deposition,	1.00
John A. Fuller, postage, stationery, and express,	3.62

Paid John A. Fuller, treasurer, pay roll Syphon Engine Co., No. 1,	\$138.50
Willie O. Palmer, foreman, pay roll Fire King Engine Co., No. 2,	120.25
John S. Kimball, horse hire for the year to Feb. 15,	15.00
Cyril T. Webber, care of 50 tramps,	25.00
Total,	<u>\$1,405.57</u>

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid John G. Patch, abatement on his list for 1897:

George P. Adams, out of town,	\$0.29
Orrin Adams, out of town,	1.54
Charles M. Downs, non-resident,	1.20
William N. Foote, out of state,	1.60
Joseph G. Guerin, non-resident,	1.20
Irving Howlett, whereabouts unknown,	1.20
Edward Hunkins, whereabouts unknown,	1.20
Michael Fagan, out of town,	1.60
	<u>\$9.83</u>

Errors: One poll tax (under age); one horse, taxed in Concord, 2.40

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edward G. Runnels, services as selectman,	\$95.00
Stephen E. Morrill, " "	91.00
John S. Kimball, " "	94.40
Samuel T. Symonds, services as school committee,	63.75
Delia A. Bohanon, services as school committee,	62.56
George E. Barnard, services as school committee,	66.23
John G. Patch, services as tax collector,	130.00

Paid William A. Patterson, services as town treasurer,	\$75.00
John A. Fuller, services as town clerk,	50.00
John S. Kimball, services as treasurer of school district,	25.00
Charles C. Lord, services on school board after settlement,	1.97
Grovenor A. Curtice, services as ballot clerk, fall of 1896,	2.00
Horace J. Davis, services as ballot clerk, fall of 1896,	3.00
William C. Russ, services as selectman, after settlement,	16.45
Stephen E. Morrill, services as selectman, after settlement,	10.00
Edward G. Runnels, services as selectman, after settlement,	14.25
George E. Lord, services as supervisor, spring of 1897,	9.00
Cyril T. Webber, services as supervisor, spring of 1897,	9.00
Alfred E. Griffin, services as supervisor, spring of 1897,	9.00
Cyril T. Webber, services notifying town officers, March, 1897,	5.00
Cyril T. Webber, services as constable,	5.00
G. A. Clough, services as truant officer,	6.50
James O. Straw, " " "	6.00
Charles C. Lord, " " "	8.13
Charles C. Lord, services as health officer,	19.87
George A. S. Kimball, services as sub-register,	3.45
John S. Straw, for services of school auditors,	9.00
John S. Kimball, for services of town auditors,	9.00
John H. Nelson, services as constable,	10.50
Total,	\$910.06

SUMMARY.

Paid state tax,	\$2,355.00
county tax,	2,291.54
school money,	3,468.32
Memorial day,	50.00
Hopkinton village fire district,	475.00
Contoocook precinct,	700.00
county paupers,	185.26
dependent soldiers, county,	204.80
town paupers,	77.43
Hopkinton Free Public Library,	300.00
breaking roads,	469.52
highway and bridges,	3,507.70
temporary loan, and interest,	1,023.72
miscellaneous,	1,405.57
abatement of taxes,	12.23
town officers,	910.06
Total,	<u>\$17,436.15</u>

The auditors certify that they have examined the foregoing accounts, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

WILLIAM C. RUSS,
FRANK I. MORRILL,
WILLIAM TASKER,

Auditors.

Hopkinton, Feb. 19, 1898.

LEGACY ACCOUNT.

Chester C. Greene, legacy,	\$200.00
Nathaniel Abbott, “	200.00
D. K. Piper, “	200.00

Lerned Female Charitable Fund, one 6 per cent. debenture bond, of the Central Loan & Trust Co., of Emporia, Kan. Value unknown, probably worthless.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF TOWN.

Cash in treasurer's hands, Feb. 15, 1898,	\$2,309.05
Respectfully submitted,	
E. G. RUNNELLS,	
S. E. MORRILL,	
J. S. KIMBALL,	
	<i>Selectmen.</i>

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER.

WM. PATTERSON, treasurer, in account with the town of
Hopkinton.

1897. Feb. 15:	
Cash on hand, as per settlement,	\$3,240.48
Received from—	
John G. Patch, collector,	11,381.18
Savings bank tax,	2,764.42
Railroad tax,	450.90
Insurance tax,	28.50
Literary fund,	140.12
Dog tax,	218.12
City of Concord, grade sold,	2.70
County support—dependent soldiers,	206.55
County support—paupers,	163.83
Interest on taxes,	12.22
Rent of hall,	24.67
Ellen Childs, interest and expense of sale of taxes,	
1896,	27.81
Sale of bricks,	7.75
Hearse out of town,	2.00
Money hired,	1,000.00
Interest on legacies,	13.00
History of Hopkinton,	3.00
	\$19,687.25

Accounted for as follows, to wit:

Orders drawn on selectmen,	\$17,378.20
Cash on hand,	2,309.05
	\$19,687.25

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WILLIAM C. RUSS,
FRANK I. MORRILL,
WILLIAM TASKER,
Auditors.

Hopkinton, Feb. 19, 1898.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' ACCOUNT.

S. F. EASTMAN, highway agent, in account with the town of Hopkinton.

March, 1897. Received for breaking roads, \$13.63

Accounted for as follows :

Paid A. L. Straw,	\$3.14
J. O. Straw,	.50
Chandler Bros.,	1.07
W. L. Moulton,	1.20
H. Holmes,	.52
S. F. Eastman and team,	6.15
F. E. White, snowing bridge,	1.05
	\$13.63

April, 1897. Received for labor, \$79.70

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for labor—

H. A. Dow,	\$4.20
Ed. Chandler,	1.20
E. C. Barton,	4.50
W. A. Currier, and team,	1.70
S. Flanders,	2.25
J. Conner,	4.50
Ed. Guerrin, and team,	2.00
J. M. Hook,	3.00
F. Hook,	3.00
E. Elliott,	3.00
G. Chandler,	3.00
J. M. Clement, and team,	3.50
Hoyt Bros., and team,	11.00
Flanders Bros., gravel,	1.60
S. F. Eastman, and team,	31.25

\$79.70

May, 1897. Received for labor, \$151.49

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for labor—

E. C. Barton,	\$12.90
Sam. Flanders,	9.00
F. Hook,	7.50
J. M. Hook,	7.50
E. E. Elliott,	4.50
Geo. Chandler,	6.00
James Conner,	12.75
A. Chandler,	1.30
H. M. Dow,	.45
J. M. Clement, and team,	7.00
Hoyt Bros., and team,	20.00
Ed. Guerrin, and team,	7.75

Paid W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	\$4.34
H. Chandler,	.50
Rand & Tasker, tile,	3.00
S. F. Eastman, and team,	47.00
	\$151.49
June, 1897. Received for labor,	\$345.70

Accounted for as follows:

Paid for labor—

E. C. Barton,	\$27.75
Edson Elliott,	10.50
Sam Flanders,	23.25
James Conner,	22.80
J. M. Hook,	11.25
F. Hook,	15.00
D. Reid,	2.10
M. Hoyt,	11.00
J. F. Hoyt,	12.50
E. Danforth,	.60
George Locke,	1.50
Ed. Chandler,	9.75
Geo. Makepeace,	6.00
Ed. Guerrin, and team,	4.00
J. G. Rice, “	10.50
G. W. French, “	15.65
Henry Chandler, and team,	25.00
Geo. Chandler, “	31.00
H. Chandler,	2.55
S. F. Eastman, man and team,	103.00
	\$345.70

July, 1897. Received for labor, \$56.35

Accounted for as follows:

Paid for labor—

E. C. Barton,	\$7.50
J. M. Hook,	3.00

Paid S. Flanders,	\$1.50
Geo. Makepeace,	4.95
J. A. Jones,	2.95
Currier Bros., grade,	.50
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	2.50
David Reid, railing,	2.75
H. Chandler, labor,	3.00
S. F. Eastman, man and team,	27.70
	\$56.35

August, 1897. Received for labor, \$54.25

Accounted for as follows:

Paid for labor—	
E. C. Barton,	\$6.00
Edson Elliott,	7.50
E. Chandler,	3.00
S. Flanders,	3.00
S. F. Eastman,	34.75
	\$54.25

September, 1897. Received for labor, \$107.75

Accounted for as follows:

Paid for labor—	
Ed. Chandler,	\$7.50
E. C. Barton,	15.00
Sam. Flanders,	12.00
J. L. Perkins,	.50
Edson Elliott,	10.50
C. Favor,	4.50
J. M. Hook, and team,	10.75
S. F. Eastman, and team,	47.00
	\$107.75

October, 1897. Received for labor, \$230.08

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for labor—

E. C. Barton,	\$25.00
S. Flanders,	22 50
C. Favor,	21.75
J. M. Hook,	21.00
F. Hook,	15.00
W. Moulton,	3.35
E. E. Elliott, railing and labor,	7.20
W. Milton, plank and drawing,	10.03
F. E. White, and team,	8.00
F. Kimball, grade,	.64
C. Clough, plank,	5.00
Wm. Busiel, railing,	1.50
E. G. Cilley, iron rods,	3.91
Ed. Guerrin, and team,	3.00
S. F. Eastman, and team,	80.80
Rand & Tasker, tile,	1.40
	\$230.08

November, 1897. Received for labor, \$58.68

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for labor—

Horace Dow,	\$3.00
E. C. Barton,	5.00
S. Flanders,	4.50
C. D. Favor,	3.00
F. H. Carr,	2 40
F. H. Carr, posts and rails,	12.42
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	2.21
S. F. Eastman, and team,	26.15
	\$58.68

December, 1897. Received for labor, \$23.00

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for labor—

Sam. Flanders,	\$1.00
C. D. Favor,	1.25
A. Dow,	2.00
C. H. Chapman,	1.00
D. Reid,	1.25
F. E. White, and team,	5.50
S. F. Eastman, and team,	11.00
	\$23.00

January, 1898. Received for breaking roads, \$91.83

Accounted for as follows :

Paid for breaking roads—

A. L. Straw,	\$5.59
W. F. Dodge,	3.55
A. M. Duston,	10.99
H. D. Dustin,	5.91
H. Holmes,	10.77
E. G. Danforth,	6.30
C. Chapman,	.45
H. Chandler,	1.50
W. Moulton,	.90
F. E. White,	7.15
J. S. Straw,	3.87
G. French,	8.45
S. F. Eastman,	26.40
	\$91.83

L. H. DEARBORN, highway agent, in account with the town
of Hopkinton.

March, 1897. Received for breaking roads in Feb-
ruary and March, \$58.97

Accounted for as follows

Paid H. C. Sanborn,	\$6.60
W. H. Rollins,	3.55
Forrest Colby,	3.45
E. Chase,	3.00
J. G. Patch,	9.30
C. Moran,	3.75
Parker Flanders,	7.80
Charles Mills,	3.37
E. G. Runnels,	1.65
L. H. Dearborn,	16.50

\$58.97

April, 1897. Received, \$8.57

Accounted for as follows :

Paid Albert French,	\$1.95
L. Guimond,	1.50
C. Mills,	1.12
L. H. Dearborn,	4.00

\$8.57

May, 1897. Received, \$198.50

Accounted for as follows :

Paid Frank Hall,	\$25.35
L. Guimond,	23.25
F. E. Spofford,	20.25
C. F. Watts,	23.10
J. Brockway,	.55
E. J. Dearborn,	11.25
L. H. Dearborn, and teams,	94 75

\$198.50

June, 1897. Received, \$337.48

Accounted for as follows :

Paid Frank Hall,	\$31.87
L. Guimond,	29.62
F. E. Spofford,	30.37
C. F. Watts,	31.87
E. J. Dearborn,	31.87
Lurman Mills,	18.75
H. H. Crowell, breaking road, winter 1896-97,	.60
Eli Fortine, labor,	2.00
Herbert Kimball, breaking roads,	1.35
J. G. Patch, labor on road,	.75
Albert Danforth, "	1.00
G. W. French, labor and lumber,	6.81
L. H. Dearborn, and teams,	150.62
	\$337.48

July, 1897. Received, \$2.00

Accounted for as follows:

Paid L. H. Dearborn,	\$2.00
	\$2.00

August and September, 1897. Received, \$139.25

Accounted for as follows:

Paid L. Guimond,	\$18.00
F. E. Spofford,	16.50
C. F. Watts,	19.50
E. J. Dearborn,	14.25
E. G. & N. D. Kimball,	1.50
L. H. Dearborn, and teams,	69.50
	\$139.25

October, 1897. Received, \$248.75

Accounted for as follows:

Paid L. Guimond,	\$31.50
F. E. Spofford,	33.00
C. F. Watts,	34.50
E. J. Dearborn,	23.25
Emery Bullock, laying drain-pipe and brick- ing man-holes,	3.90
L. H. Dearborn, lumber for bridge,	2.60
J. G. Brockway,	2.00
George Derry,	5 00
L. H. Dearborn, and team,	113.00
	\$248.75

November, 1897. Received, \$71.15

Accounted for as follows:

Paid C. F. Watts,	\$9.00
L. Guimond,	9.00
F. E. Spofford,	9.00
E. J. Dearborn,	7.50
L. H. Dearborn, powder and fuse,	.90
“ and teams,	35.75
	\$71.15

December, 1897. Received, \$10.90

Accounted for as follows:

Paid F. E. Spofford,	\$2.10
E. J. Dearborn,	1.50
L. H. Dearborn, and teams,	7.30
	\$10.90

January, 1898. Received, \$46.39

Accounted for as follows:

Paid F. E. Spofford,	\$3.10
W. H. Rollins,	5.40

Paid A. F. Runnells,	\$2.95
G. W. French,	4.65
E. J. Dearborn,	4.19
L. H. Dearborn, and teams,	26.10
	\$46.39

W. H. MILTON, highway agent, in account with the town
of Hopkinton.

March 2, 1897. Received for breaking roads, \$23.09

Accounted for as follows :

Paid Charles Hunt,	\$1.20
S. W. Perry,	7.50
G. B. Russell,	1.12
H. P. Wilson,	1.05
Roger Blood,	.97
James F. Hardy,	3.25
W. H. Milton and team,	8.00
	\$23.09

April 1, 1897. Received for breaking roads, \$34.50

Accounted for as follows :

Paid H. P. Wilson,	\$1.35
C. E. Clough,	1.55
C. E. Little,	1.00
S. W. Perry,	8.60
W. H. Milton and team,	22.00
	\$34.50

May 1, 1897. Received for labor, \$67.43

Accounted for as follows :

Paid Roger Blood,	\$2.25
S. W. Perry,	.60
C. E. Clough,	.75
Edward Wayne,	3.00

Paid John Dwinells,	\$3.00
C. D. Adams,	16.00
W. E. Mudgett, for paint on Contoocook bridge,	24.43
W. H. Milton and team,	17.40
	\$67.43

June 5, 1897. Received for labor, \$179.95

Accounted for as follows:

Paid David Seavy,	\$17.62
J. N. Bacon,	14.62
G. F. Sanborn,	10.12
George Lamprey,	16.87
John Dwinells,	25.87
E. G. Cilley, blacksmith,	.45
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	.90
J. F. Hardy,	3.50
W. H. Milton and team,	90.00
	\$179.95

July 3, 1897. Received for labor, \$285.65

Accounted for as follows:

Paid David Seavey,	\$25.50
John Dwinells,	24.75
J. N. Bacon,	24.00
G. F. Sanborn,	21.00
George Lamprey,	22.50
Orrin Chase,	8.25
Edward Wayne,	9.00
S. W. Perry,	8.69
C. F. Webster,	2.70
David Seavey, gravel,	7.25
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	2.01
W. H. Milton and team,	130.00
	\$285.65

Aug. 8, 1897. Received for labor, \$123.19

Accounted for as follows:

Paid John Dwinnells,	\$7.12
J. N. Bacon,	17.25
George Lamprey,	3.00
L. W. Adams,	1.50
C. D. Adams,	12.65
G. F. Sanborn,	7.50
R. H. Smith,	3.00
J. C. Howe,	1.75
S. W. Perry,	2.50
C. H. Danforth,	2.32
Horace Stevens,	2.25
Arthur C. Kimball,	1.35
W. H. Milton and team,	61.00
	\$123.19

Sept. 4, 1897. Received for labor, \$190.88

Accounted for as follows:

Paid J. N. Bacon,	\$24.75
G. F. Sanborn,	20.25
C. D. Adams,	21.00
John Dwinnells,	21.00
M. Boyce,	1.50
J. A. Fuller, gravel,	8.70
R. Johnson, plank,	7.68
David Seavey, for labor and material for railing,	5.00
W. H. Milton and team,	81.00
	\$190.88

Oct. 2, 1897. Received for labor, \$352.59

Accounted for as follows:

Paid Concord highway department for man,	\$4.70
C. D. Adams,	24.53
J. N. Bacon,	29.03

Paid G. F. Sanborn,	\$22.28
M. Boyce,	29.03
Arthur Russell,	18.53
T. B. Eastman,	14.03
John Dwinnells,	27.15
David Seavey,	6.82
Henry Bacon,	6.90
J. C. Howe,	6.12
J. F. Hardy,	3.50
G. B. Russell,	4.20
F. I. Morrill, stringers,	2.00
E. G. Cilley, blacksmith,	1.95
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	1.45
David Seavey, gravel,	5.25
N. A. Chase, paving stone,	5.00
W. H. Milton and team,	140.12
	\$352.59

Nov. 6, 1897. Received for labor, \$61.90

Accounted for as follows :

Paid John Dwinnells,	\$9.75
J. N. Bacon,	1.50
David Seavey,	1.50
C. D. Adams,	5.65
Jim Dinsmore,	2.50
David Seavey, for gravel,	1.00
J. E. Putnam,	1.50
W. H. Milton and team,	38.50
	\$61.90

Dec. 4, 1897. Received for labor, \$57.90

Accounted for as follows :

Paid John Dwinnells,	\$8.40
C. D. Adams,	8.40
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	.30

Paid E. G. Cilley, blacksmith,	\$0.55
J. F. Hook,	.75
Charlie Kimball,	3.30
W. H. Milton and team,	36.20

 \$57.90

Jan. 3, 1898. Received for labor, \$15.85

Accounted for as follows :

Paid H. A. Chase,	\$0.50
W. E. Mudgett, supplies,	.35
W. H. Milton and team,	15.00

 \$15.85

Feb. 5, 1898. Received for breaking roads, \$112.04

Accounted for as follows :

Paid C. E. Little,	\$4.00
H. C. Dustin,	16.75
J. C. Howe,	10.67
Henry Bartlett,	20.45
H. A. Chase,	3.00
C. E. Clough,	2.25
Edward Stanley,	2.40
Charlie Kimball,	6.50
G. B. Russell,	1.72
Roger Blood,	1.35
H. P. Wilson,	2.90
W. H. Milton and team,	40.05

 \$112.04

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1897.

Most of the facts which the law requires the school board to report to the district are found in the accompanying table. The truant officers report, as a result of their canvass of the town in April, that they found residing in Hopkinton, 115 boys and 99 girls between the ages of 5 and 16. Of the above number, they report 19 who had not attended school during the first part of the school year. Most of these are children less than 6 years old, and nearly all of them have attended school during the term just closed.

The truant officers further report that the attendance of 162 of the school children has been practically constant, and that they find no children of sound mind between the ages of 10 and 16 unable to read English, and only one unable to write English. The school board, after careful comparison of the different school registers, has determined the number of different pupils between the ages of 5 and 16 who have, during the year, attended the public schools to be 227; and that there have been 9 pupils less than 5 years old, and 9 who were over 16. The above figures neither imply negligence on the part of the truant officer, nor neglect of school privileges by the children.

SAMUEL T. SYMONDS,
DELIA A. BOHANAN,
GEORGE E. BARNARD,
School Board of Hopkinton.

SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE

For the year ending August 1, 1897.

NAME OF SCHOOL.	Scholars.	Boys.	Girls.	No. of term.	TEACHER'S NAME.	Wages.	Weeks.	Reading and Spelling.	Writing.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Grammar.	U. S. History.	Physiology.	Book-keeping.	Algebra.
Village.....	29	15	14	1	Edward Wayne.....	\$32.00	10	19	15	16	9	7	..	7	2	..
				2	Edward Wayne.....	32.00	9	22	18	19	16	14	9	9	2	1
				3	Ada C. Semon.....	32.00	9	20	20	20	14	14	6	14	..	..
Emerson's Hill.....	17	11	6	1	Mary A. Barker.....	24.00	10	11	11	9	7	7	..	10	..	..
				2	Bessie E. Hoyt.....	26.00	6	13	13	10	9	8	..	..	..	1
				3	Ethel I. Murch.....	24.00	10	12	12	10	6	4	1	..	..	..
Hatfield.....	16	12	4	1	Ida M. Corbit.....	24.00	10	12	12	11	7	8	..	..	..	1
				2	Mamie A. Conner.....	26.00	9	12	12	12	9	6	1	12	2	1
				3	Mamie A. Conner.....	24.00	9	10	9	9	8	7	..	2	3	..
Stumpfield.....	13	9	4	1	Mamie A. Conner.....	24.00	10	10	8	7	7	7	..	10	1	1
				2	Mae E. Morrill.....	24.00	9	10	10	10	7	8	..	10	1	1
				3	Edna A. Symonds.....	24.00	9	12	11	11	9	3	2	5	1	1
Jewett Road.....	13	8	5	1	Leown H. Kelley.....	24.00	10	10	6	8	3	4	..	1	..	..
				2	May B. Dow.....	24.00	9	7	6	6	5	5	1	4	..	..
Main Road.....	13	6	7	1	Luella E. Marshall.....	24.00	10	7	7	7	7	6	4	6	..	..
				2	Luella E. Marshall.....	24.00	9	12	12	12	12	6	10	..	..	..
				3	Luella E. Marshall.....	24.00	9	9	9	8	8	8	7	..	..	..
Beech Hill.....	19	9	10	1	Electa E. Wakefield.....	28.00	10	16	16	10	8	6	..	..	1	..
				2	Anna B. Swain.....	28.00	8	17	17	12	9	4	3	..	2	..
				3	Flora E. Clough.....	24.00	9	13	13	9	7	4	2	2	..	..
Putney's Hill.....	18	7	11	1	Sadie E. Perkins.....	24.00	10	16	7	16	2	3	..	..	..	..
				2	Sadie E. Perkins.....	24.00	9	15	7	15	5	5	1	1	1	..
				3	Annie E. Locke.....	24.00	9	15	11	13	3	4	4	..	..	..
Tyler's.....	21	13	8	1	Anna B. Swain.....	28.00	10	19	14	14	10	4	2	10	..	..
				2	Mary E. Gerrish.....	30.00	9	21	21	21	12	8	1	7	..	..
				3	Eva L. Burnham.....	30.00	9	16	11	11	8	8	3	8	..	..
Blackwater.....	12	6	6	1	Mae E. Morrill.....	24.00	10	7	7	7	6	6	2	6	..	..
				2	Elsie D. Bohanan.....	24.00	9	9	9	9	8	7	2	7	..	..
				3	Elsie D. Bohanan.....	24.00	9	9	9	9	8	7	2	7	..	..
Contoocook.....	35	17	18	1	Anne M. Downes.....	32.00	10	22	22	22	17	22	2	6	..	..
				2	Gertrude M. Elliott.....	32.00	9	23	23	23	19	23	4	6	1	..
				3	Florence N. Adams.....	32.00	9	21	21	21	10	21	3	10	..	3
North Contoocook...	37	17	20	1	Mabel M. Wolfson.....	32.00	10	31	31	31	16	15	..	..	..	..
				2	Mabel M. Wolfson.....	32.00	9	30	24	24	14	13	..	..	..	..
				3	Mabel M. Wolfson.....	32.00	9	24	30	30	16	14	..	..	..	..
Clement's Hill.....	12	7	5	1	Annie I. Ordway.....	20.00	10	5	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	..
				2	Anne E. Locke.....	20.00	9	5	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	..
				3	Myrtie I. Barton.....	20.00	9	11	11	10	7	4	2	..	..	..
Farrington's Corner.	12	8	4	1	Maude E. Paige.....	24.00	10	11	8	6	5	5	2	..	..	..
				2	Maude E. Paige.....	24.00	9	9	6	4	4	3	..	..	..	..
				3	Maude E. Paige.....	24.00	9	6	6	4	4	5	..	..	..	..
South Road.....	8	4	4	1	M. Alice Rollins.....	20.00	9	8	5	5	4	3	..	..	..	..

ROLL OF HONOR FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 1, 1897.

Names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during the year:

Edith F. Rollins,	Fred C. Annis,
Winifred Chase,	Grover C. Annis,
Willie Montgomery,	Maud F. Smart,
Susie M. Chase,	Marion A. Smart,
Ethel Tasker,	Florence Davis.

Names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during two terms of the year:

Clayton B. Straw,	Willie I. Hook,
Anson A. Bartlett,	Fred Howe,
Leason R. Bartlett,	Eva Howe,
Gertrude Chase,	Sade Howe,
Lida Chase,	Blanche M. Straw,
Clayton E. Bastor,	Irma M. Fuller,
Ernest G. Straw,	John F. Fuller,
Fred Spofford,	Herman Spofford,
Blanche C. Colby,	Leon L. Brown,
Myron H. Colby,	Harry Ordway,
Eva Ordway,	Clarence Ordway,
Ruth Garland,	J. Harry Bohanan,
Etta L. Bohanan,	Edna F. Bohanan,
Maggie Webber.	

Names of pupils who have been neither absent nor tardy during one term of the year:

Edna Perry,	Ida M. Elliott,
Ernest S. Perry,	Eden E. Elliott,
Walter J. Burbank,	Venena I. Elliott,
Helen A. Burbank,	Tommy E. Davis,
Eva L. Fuller,	Arthur B. Davis,
Alice Libby,	Mildred Baker,

Jessie Libby,
 Frank Rayno,
 Sadie Rayno,
 Cora Rayno,
 Harry O. Connor,
 Harry L. Hoyt,
 William Sumner,
 Mildred Symonds,
 Flora B. Harrington,
 Rena Morse,
 Lewis Nelson,
 Mabel D. Fiske,
 Helen F. Morse,
 Ethel Griffin,
 Daniel Griffin,
 Lena M. Carson,
 Robert Winmill,
 Gardner B. Greene,
 Arthur P. Mills,
 Doreda Guimond,

Eva Melcher,
 George D. Nelson,
 Bernice Paige,
 Annie Robie,
 Ray Emerson,
 Eddie L. Nelson,
 Helen Sumner,
 Maude Chase,
 Maud Ham,
 Alice Libby,
 Ethel Allen,
 Lena R. Morse,
 Mabel T. Morse,
 Clement Griffin,
 Grace E. Brown,
 Louis G. Robinson,
 Dell Spofford,
 Bertie Mills,
 Fred Guimond,
 Ernest Goodwin.

REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898

In submitting our report for the year, it is our pleasure to state that there are many indications that our schools have been generally satisfactory. Parents and other citizens have given the teachers and the school board their active and cordial support, and have shown their interest in the school work by making a large number of visits at school. The almost entire absence of complaint, the many favorable comments, and our own observation of the substantial progress of most of our scholars, are among other encouraging indications.

That the standard of attainment in our schools is at least equal to that of adjoining towns of similar means is indicated by the facts that pupils who come to our schools from families recently moved into town, have not shown any marked superiority of scholarship over pupils always attending school in this town; and that pupils who have completed their common school studies in our schools, and are attending high schools in adjoining towns are almost invariably taking high rank in their classes.

We have endeavored to improve our schools, not only by securing the best teachers to be obtained with the revenues at our disposal, but also to improve the other means of instruction. A beginning has been made of supplying the schools with new charts to take the place of the old ones, which are getting out of date and, in many cases, falling to pieces. Following the example of a great majority of neighboring towns and cities, we have introduced the vertical system of penmanship. This has been done with the hope that the children might more easily learn to write, and become more legible writers. The exchange of copy-books was effected without any expense to the town. Also an exchange has been made of all of the worn specimens of Appleton's Readers (the better copies being retained for supplementary reading) for new and improved books. The exchange of readers and the purchase of charts and of a supply of chalk for several years, has caused some increase in the usual expenditure for books, supplies, etc., but we believe that it will be repaid by the increased interest and improvement of the pupils.

The written examinations, now held annually according to law, have been of great assistance to the members of the school board in determining the qualifications of teachers. The oral examination, besides being embarrassing to the candidate, is often misleading; but the written examination, when properly conducted, seldom fails to reveal the excellences, as well as the defects, of scholarship. This

form of examination has been an incentive to improvement on the part of teachers and those preparing to teach, and if adhered to, cannot fail to be of advantage to our schools.

The statistics of the legal school year closing August 1, 1897, are reported in another place. Two terms of school—one in the fall and one in the winter—have been held since the above date. For the information of the public a brief statement of these two terms is now made, as follows:

<i>School.</i>	<i>Teacher, Fall.</i>	<i>Teacher, Winter.</i>
Village,	Ada C. Semon,	Ada C. Semon.
Emerson Hill,	Ethel I. Murch,	Mabell P. Cheney.
Hatfield,	Mamie A. Conner,	Mamie A. Conner.
Stumpfield,	Sadie A. Clark,	Sadie A. Clark.
Jewett Road,	May B. Dow,	May B. Dow.
Main Road,	Luella E. Marshall,	Hattie E. Kimball.
Beech Hill,	Elsie B. French,	Elsie B. French.
Putney Hill,	Flora E. Clough,	Flora E. Clough.
Tyler's,	Bessie E. Hoyt,	Jose. M. Huntoon.
Blackwater,	Elsie D. Bohanan,	Helen B. Putnam.
Contoocook,	Florence N. Adams,	Florence N. Adams.
North Contoocook,	Mabel M. Wolfson,	Maude E. Paige.
Clement's Hill,	Myrtie I. Barton,	Annie E. Locke.
Farrington's Cor.,	Maude E. Paige,	Nettie L. Taylor.
South Road,	M. Alice Rollins,	

The average length of each term was nine and two fifths weeks. The fall term of school at North Contoocook was closed during the ninth week on account of the sudden death of the teacher, who was one of our most valued and faithful workers. No school has been maintained at Sugar Hill during the year, the few scholars resident there being furnished conveyance to Stumpfield.

During the past year the interior of the school-house at Blackwater has been repaired, and the school-room supplied with a new set of school furniture. The school-house at South Contoocook has been supplied with a new coat of

shingles, and minor repairs made on several other school-houses. We have no school-house, now in use, that needs extensive remodeling, but we have several that need some repairs during the coming year. The school-houses at North Contoocook, at Tyler's, and at Blackwater, all need a new coat of shingles; the inside of the South Contoocook school-house needs painting. The plastering on the school-room at Hopkinton village has become loose and is continually falling off, and it seems to be necessary that both the lathing and the plastering should be renewed. We trust that these matters will be taken into consideration and something be raised for special repairs in the ensuing year.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

The account of the school board of the school district of Hopkinton for general expenses for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

DR.

The school board charges itself for orders drawn upon the treasurer of the school district of Hopkinton, amounting to \$2,966.57

CR.

The above debits are accounted for as follows:

Paid for teachers' salaries,	\$2,625.53
conveying scholars,	81.75
janitors' services,	84.80
cleaning school-houses,	39.44
repairs and furniture,	17.20
fuel,	115.75
other items,	2.10
Total,	<u>\$2,966.57</u>

The school board in account with the town of Hopkinton for books and supplies for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

DR.

The school board charges itself with orders drawn by the selectmen upon the treasurer of the town of Hopkinton, amounting to	\$319.63
Received from the sale of books,	1.34
Total,	<u>\$320.97</u>

CR.

The above debits are accounted for as follows :

Paid for books,	\$220.99
supplies,	67.38
charts,	23.00
expressage,	9.60
Total,	<u>\$320.97</u>

The account of the school board, as building committee of the school district of the town of Hopkinton for the year ending Feb. 15, 1898.

DR.

The school board charges itself with orders drawn upon the treasurer of the school district of Hopkinton, amounting to	\$201.31
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CR.

Paid for lumber,	\$65.76
carpenters' work and material,	47.29
masons' " "	14.50
painters' " "	5.51
other labor,	5.00
school furniture,	55.42
freight,	7.83
Total,	<u>\$201.31</u>

The foregoing report is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL T. SYMONDS,
DELIA A. BOHANAN,
GEORGE E. BARNARD,
School Board of Hopkinton.

Hopkinton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

We, the undersigned, auditors of the school district of Hopkinton, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the school board, and find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

G. A. CLOUGH,
ROBERT T. GOULD,
JOHN S. STRAW,
Hopkinton School Auditors.

Hopkinton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

HOPKINTON TOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1898.

1897.		DR.	CR.
Feb. 15.	To amount of cash on hand at settlement,	\$231.76	
April 30.	To amount of cash received for dog licenses,	203.57	
June 7.	To amount of cash received from town treasurer,	900.00	
Sept. 9.	To amount of cash received from town treasurer,	200.00	
Oct. 25.	To amount of cash received from town treasurer,	900.00	

1898.	DR.	CR.
Jan. 12. To amount balance of school money from town treasurer,	945.12	
	\$3,380.45	
1898.		
Feb. 15. By cash paid out on orders, as per vouchers,		\$3,280.44
" By cash balance on hand,		100.01
		\$3,380.45
Amount of money raised, required by law,	\$2,355.00	
Amount of money raised by vote, addi- tional,	250.00	
Amount of money raised by vote, for repairs,	200.00	
Amount of money received from dog licenses,	203.57	
Amount of money received from literary fund,	140.12	
Amount raised for the year,	\$3,148.69	
Add amount on hand at settlement,	231.76	
Available school money for the year,	\$3,380.45	

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KIMBALL,
Treasurer.

We, the auditors, hereby certify that we have examined the foregoing accounts of the treasurer, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

G. A. CLOUGH,
ROBERT T. GOULD,
JOHN S. STRAW,

Auditors of Town School District of Hopkinton.

Hopkinton, N. H., Feb. 15, 1898.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hopkinton :

GREETING.—In pursuance of a vote taken at the annual town meeting on the second Tuesday of March last, “that the report of the library trustees, with the titles of books received, be printed in the town report,” we respectfully present the following :

Report of the Trustees of the Hopkinton Village branch of the Hopkinton Free Public Library, to March 1, A. D., 1898.

	DR.	CR.
1897.		
March 1. To cash on hand at settle-		
ment,	\$25.03	
1898.		
June 7. To cash received from the		
town treasurer,	75.00	
Dec. 17. To cash received from the		
town treasurer,	75.00	
	\$175.03	
By books purchased,		\$91.82
librarian's salary,		50.00
electric lighting to Jan. 1, 1898,		5.34
firewood, and sawing and housing,		5.75
work on lawn, cleaning and mow-		
ing in summer,		.85
C. Fagan, shovelling paths and		
building fires in winter,		7.00
cash on hand,		14.27
		\$175.03

The librarian reports that no books have been lost, nor damage done, beyond ordinary wear and tear, during the year.

Eight books have been received as gifts from the state,

consisting of regimental histories, state papers, and senate and house reports.

Nine books from Washington, consisting of reports of commission of education, and Smithsonian reports.

Three bound books by Miss Malvina Brown of Hopkinton; one bound book by Mrs. Smidt, a visitor.

The whole number of books taken out up to February 20, 1898, was 2,852,—the preceding year being 3,444—showing 592 less this year than last. A tabulated report of the number taken each month is as follows :

1897	March	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	266
	April	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	224
	May	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	255
	June	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	213
	July	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	263
	Aug.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	265
	Sept.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	226
	Oct.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	225
	Nov.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	189
	Dec.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	239
1898	Jan.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	282
	To Feb. 20	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	205
Total										2,852

The amount of cash received from visitors was \$4.73, and the amount taken for fines \$4.67—as has been customary, this amount has been left with the librarian from which expressage, postage, stationery, and other incidental expenses have been paid and account kept of the same.

Forty-nine new books have been placed upon the shelves for use to the credit of the "Village Library" of which the "Free Public Library" are lessees, and which are not included in the following list:

World's Progress,	King.
Quo Vadis,	Henryk Sienkiewicz.
Equality,	Edward Bellamy.

Casa Braccio, 2 vols.,
 A Rose of Yesterday,
 Lad's Love,
 Sentimental Tommy,
 Mrs. Crichton's Creditor,
 A Golden Autumn,
 King Noanett,
 Phroso,
 Miss Archer Archer,
 The Hoosier School-Master,
 The Circuit Rider,
 The Beginners of a Nation,
 Dr. Luttrell's First Patient,
 The Attic Philosopher in Paris,
 The Wisdom of Fools,
 Soldiers of Fortune,
 Lovoice,
 A Lady of Quality,
 His Father's Son,
 The Landlord at Lion's Head,
 The Adventures of Captain Horn,
 In Simpkinsville,
 My Life and Times,
 Marm Lisa,
 Uncle Bernac,
 The Third Violet,
 The Choir Invisible,
 The American Citizen,
 The Martian,
 Authors and Friends,
 The Day of His Youth,
 Cynthia Wakeham's Money,
 The Story of Kennett,
 The Supply at Saint Agatha's,
 The Christian,
 Dear Faustina,

F. Marion Crawford.
 F. Marion Crawford.
 G. R. Crockett.
 J. M. Barrie.
 Mrs. Alexander.
 Mrs. Alexander.
 F. J. Stimson.
 Anthony Hope.
 Clara Louise Burnham.
 Edward Eggleston.
 Edward Eggleston.
 Edward Eggleston.
 Rosa N. Carey.
 Emile Gouvester.
 Margaret Deland.
 Richard H. Davis.
 The Duchess.
 F. H. Burnett.
 Brander Matthews.
 W. D. Howells.
 F. R. Stockton.
 Ruth McEnery Stuart.
 Cyrus Hamlin.
 Kate Douglas Wiggin.
 A. Conan Doyle.
 Stephen Crane.
 James Lane Allen.
 C. F. Dole.
 Geo. Du Maurier.
 Annie Fields.
 Alice Brown.
 A. K. Green.
 Barnard Taylor.
 E. S. Phelps.
 Hall Caine.
 Rhoda Broughton.

- The Spoils of Poynton,
 My Lady Nobody,
 On the Face of the Waters,
 The Revolt of a Daughter,
 Captains Courageous,
 At the Front,
 Briseis,
 Colonial Days in Old New York,
 The Country of the Pointed Firs,
 A House-boat on the Styx,
 Jerome,
 My Studio Neighbors,
 The Beautiful Miss Brooks,
 The Last Three Soldiers,
 With Moore at Corunna,
 A March on London,
 With Frederick the Great,
 Adam Johnstone's Son,
 In the Reign of Terror,
 The Lost Gold of the Montezumas,
 Hugh Wynne, 2 vols.,
 The Boys of Fort Schuyler,
 The Country Doctor,
 The Damnation of Theron Ware,
 Barbara: Lady's Maid and Peeress,
 White Man's Africa,
 St. Ives,
 The Cornet of Horse,
 Mrs. Gerald,
 Torpeanuts, the Tom-boy,
 The Great Stone of Sardis,
 That Affair Next Door,
 Feats on the Fiord,
 Paul Ralston,
 Forest and Jungle,
 Wayfaring Men,
- Henry James.
 Maarten Marretens.
 Mrs. Steel.
 Ellen Olney Kirk.
 Rudyard Kipling.
 Oliver Optic.
 William Black.
 Alice Morse Earle.
 Sara Orne Jewett.
 John K. Bangs.
 Mary E. Wilkins.
 W. H. Gibson.
 "Z. Z."
 W. H. Shelton.
 G. A. Henty.
 G. A. Henty.
 G. A. Henty.
 F. M. Crawford.
 G. A. Henty.
 W. O. Stoddard.
 G. Weir Mitchell.
 James Otis.
 Honoré de Balzac.
 Harold Frederic.
 Mrs. Alexander.
 Poultney Bigelow.
 Robert Louis Stevenson.
 G. A. Henty.
 Maria Louise Pool.
 L. F. Wesselhoeft.
 F. R. Stockton.
 A. K. Green.
 H. Martineau.
 Mary J. Holmes.
 B. T. Barnum.
 Edna Lyall.

An Epistle to Posterity,	Mrs. John Sherwood.
The Firm of Girdlestone,	A. Conan Doyle.
The Red Patriot,	W. O. Stoddard.
Daniel,	R. D. Blackmore.
The Coming People,	Charles F. Dole.
Salted with Fire,	Geo. McDonald.
Corleone, 2 vols.,	F. M. Crawford.
The Boat Club,	Oliver Optic.
Now or Never,	Oliver Optic.
All Aboard,	Oliver Optic.
The Great K. & A. Train Robbery,	P. L. Ford.
Progress and Poverty,	Henry George.
Rollo in Rome,	Abbott.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. KIMBALL,

For the Trustees.

And now comes Frank I. Morrill, trustee of the Contoocook branch of the Hopkinton Free Public Library, and makes this his annual report, annexing thereto a list of books added to said library during the year :

Cash received from town treasurer,	\$150.00
Balance on hand at last meeting,	11.45
Total received,	<u>\$161.45</u>

Which is accounted for as follows :

1897.

Cash paid G. A. Curtice, rent,	\$75.00
Electric lights,	7.25
March 31. Anna E. Hardon,	10.79
A. H. Currier, express,	.45
De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	26.25
June 30. Anna E. Hardon,	10.00
J. F. Balch,	1.50
Sept. 30. Anna E. Hardon,	10.70
G. T. Boghossian,	1.50

1897.		
April 1.	Stockbridge & Sanders,	\$14.15
1898.		
Jan. 1.	Anna E. Haddon,	11.25
		\$168.84

Without commenting upon the vote that requires your trustees to an additional expense to the town which might be saved for library purposes, we give you a list of books added during the year to the Contoocook branch of the Hopkinton Free Public Library:

McClure's Early Life of A. Lincoln,	I. M. Tarbell.
Cuba and the Fight for Freedom,	J. H. Clark.
A Little Girl of Long Ago,	A. G. Plympton.
A Virginia Cavalier,	M. E. Sewell.
Marm Lisa,	K. D. Wiggin.
Abandoning an Adopted Farm,	K. Sanborn.
At Mount Desert,	Mildred Fairfax.
The Damnation of Theron Ware,	H. Frederic.
The Mistress of Sherburn,	A. M. Douglas.
The Desmond Hundred,	J. G. Austin.
Perlycross,	R. D. Blackmore.
Between the Lines,	Capt. King.
The Days of Auld Lang Syne,	D. J. Watson.
Beside the Bonnie Briar Bush,	D. J. Watson.
Kate Carnegie,	D. J. Watson.
The Supply at St. Agatha's,	E. S. Phelps Ward.
Samantha in Europe,	M. Holley.
Bill Nye's History of England.	
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes,	A. Conan Doyle.
Æsop's Fables.	
On Many Seas,	F. B. Williams.
Black Rifles Mission,	E. Kellogg.
The Wild Huntress,	Mayne Reid.
The Voyage of the Rattletrap,	Hayden Carruth.

Big Cypress,	Kirk Munroe.
The Jungle Book,	Kipling.
Little Mr. Thimble Finger,	J. C. Harris.
Beyond the Dreams of Avarice,	W. Besant.
Margaret Ogilvey,	J. M. Barrie.
The Adventures of Captain Horn,	F. R. Stockton.
Armenia and Her People,	G. H. Filian.
Geology of New Hampshire, 3 vols.,	Hitchcock.
The Garden of the World,	Anon.
Pilate's Query,	S. C. Clark.
Miss Archer Archer,	C. L. Burnham.
Seventh N. H. Volunteers,	H. F. W. Little.
Twelfth N. H. Volunteers,	A. W. Bartlett.
Sixteenth N. H. Volunteers,	L. T. Townsend.
New Hampshire Men at Louisburg.	
John Sullivan.	
Statues of John Stark and Daniel Webster.	
State Papers, 6 vols.	
U. S. Government Reports, 22 vols.	

Very respectfully submitted,

FRANK I. MORRILL,

Trustee.

Contoocook, Feb. 21, 1898.

VITAL STATISTICS.

TO THE SELECTMEN OF HOPKINTON: In compliance with an act of the legislature passed June session, 1877, requiring "clerks of towns and cities to furnish a transcript of the records of births, marriages, and deaths to the municipal officers for publication in the annual reports," I submit the following:

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of birth.	Sex and condition.			Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.	Color of parents.	Residence of parents.	Occupation of father.	Birthplace of father.	Birthplace of mother.	
	Male.	Female.	Living or still born.								
											No. of child.
Name of child (if any).				Color.							
Jan. 6	M.		S. B.	W.	D. F. Fisk.....	Della Chandler.....	W	Hopkinton....	Lumberman..	Hopkinton.....	Hopkinton.
Jan. 11	"		Living	3	Delmer Greenlaw....	Lizzie Greenlaw....	"	"	Farmer.....	Deer Island, Me	Webster.
Feb. 2	"	F.	"	5	D. W. Whytock....	Isabella Fleming....	"	"	Butcher.....	Madoc, Canada	Hunt'g'd'nMas
Feb. 8	"		"	3	Wm. C. Russ.....	Nora M. Colby.....	"	"	Clerk.....	Nashua.....	"
Feb. 19	"		"	2	Simeon F. Sanborn..	Hattie B. Whitcher..	"	"	Carpenter....	Webster.....	Haverhill.
Mar. 14	"		"	2	Frank P. Dwinells..	Emma H. Libby.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Hopkinton....	Hopkinton.
Mar. 22	"		"	1	Benjamin J. Smart..	Stella G. Bartlett..	"	"	R. R. section.	"	Warner.
Mar. 25	"		"	9	Truel Simon.....	Lenora Paige.....	"	"	Laborer.....	Canada.....	Canada.
Apr. 27	"		"	4	Robert E. Walker..	Bella E. Hutchinson.	"	"	Farmer.....	Manchester....	Roxbury, Vt.
June 5	"		"	1	Wm. Thompson....	Alice M. Berry.....	"	"	Clergyman..	Maghurstfelt, Ire	Newington.
June 27	"		"	3	Willis Brown.....	Dora McIntire.....	"	"	Laborer.....	Hopkinton....	Sweden.
July 3	"		"	2	Will H. Mullin....	Carrie Moore.....	"	"	Farmer.....	"	Mass.
July 29	"		"	3	Oscar F. Plummer..	Gertrude E. Mudge..	"	"	Mason.....	Hebron.....	Bedford.
Aug. 9	"		"	4	Wm. K. Goodwin..	Hattie Johnson....	"	"	Farmer.....	Nova Scotia..	New Brunsw'k
Aug. 11	"		"	2	Charles E. Clough..	Gertrude E. Hastings	"	"	"	Hopkinton....	Hopkinton.
Aug. 11	"		"	4	Arthur J. Boutwell..	Carrie J. Fitts.....	"	"	Lumberman..	"	Dunbarton.
Aug. 20	"		"	2	Edward B. Howe...	Etta Wyman.....	"	"	Farmer.....	Warner.....	Bradford.
Aug. 21	"		"	1	Arthur C. Hutton..	Ethel Eastman....	"	"	Clerk.....	Unity.....	Warner.
Sept. 4	"		"	2	Eliza Sanderson..	Clara W. Garvin....	"	"	Clergyman... Farmer.....	Canter, W. T....	Rollinsford.
Sept. 26	"		"	3	Wallace E. Boutwell	Lily Augusta Ward..	"	"	Farmer.....	Methuen, Mass.	Camb'dg't,Mas
Sept. 30	"		"	10	Wm. Welch.....	Sadie Story.....	"	"	Stone mason.	Concord.....	Boscawen.
Oct. 7	"		"	4	Will Currier.....	Gertrude Webster....	"	"	Farmer.....	Hopkinton....	Hopkinton.
Nov. 14	"		"	3	Charles T. Chase...	Florence W. Webber	"	"	Laborer.....	Charles't'n, Mas	Hopkinton.
Dec. 29	"		"	3	Geo. A. Makepeace..	Mamie E. Poland....	"	"	.....	Concord.....	Hopkinton.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of marriage.	Place of marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age.	Color.	Occupation.	Place of birth.	Names of parents.	Birthplace of parents.	Occupation of parents.	Married by.	Name, residence, and official station of person by whom married.
Feb. 16	Hopkinton.	William H. Cilley.....	Hopkinton.....	39	W.	Painter.....	Andover ..	Philip Cilley..... Sarah Cole.....	Andover .. Hill .....	.....	3	Rev. Jn. S. Curtice, Hopkinton.
		Ellen S. Small.....	Goffstown	42	"	.....	Hancock ..	.....	.....	.....	2	.....
Mar. 10	Concord....	Fred H. Chase.....	Hopkinton.....	28	"	Lumberman	Hopkinton.	Henry Chase .. Martha R. Bennett.	Hopkinton .. Freedom	Lumberman Housewife ..	1	Rev. F. D. Ayer, Concord.
		Lillian I. Jackman.....	Concord.....	25	"	Teacher.....	Franklin ..	Enoch Jackman .. Mary E. Moody.....	Boscawen .. Concord	Laborer .. Housewife ..	1	.....
Apr. 29	Manchester [ter	James G. Rice.....	Hopkinton.....	8	"	Farmer	Henniker ..	George W. Rice .. Abbie Colby	Henniker	Farmer .. Housewife ..	2	Rev. T. Eaton Clapp, Manchester.
		Bernice M. Bohinon....	"	20	"	Teacher.....	Hopkinton.	John W. Bohinon... Della A. Jewell....	Sutton..... Weare	Farmer .. Housewife ..	1	.....
Aug. 25	Hopkinton.	Malvon Brown.....	"	22	"	Laborer.....	Maine.....	.....	Maine..... Canton, Me.	Farmer .. Housewife ..	1	Rev. C. E. Hurd, Hopkinton.
		Ada Osier.....	"	19	"	.....	Concord....	William Welch .. Sarah Heath.....	..... .....	Stone mason Housewife ..	2	.....
"	27 Goffstown..	Arthur S. Chandler.....	"	19	"	Farmer	Henniker ..	Charles Chandler .. Mary J. McAlpine..	Nashua .. Warner	Farmer .. Housewife ..	1	Rev. Henry H. Wentworth, Goffstown.
		Ida M. Corbit.....	Weare, Mass.	23	"	Teacher.....	Coventry, Miss.	Thomas Corbit.... M. Bridgeman.....	Weare, Mass. "	Mechanic .. Housewife ..	1	.....
Nov. 13	Hopkinton.	Lewis White.....	Hopkinton.....	32	"	R. R. section	Canada	Linn Morgan	Canada	Farmer	1	Rev. C. E. Hurd, Hopkinton.
		Lura F. Chase.....	"	19	"	.....	Hopkinton.	Cyrus S. Chase.... Ella F. Bartlett ..	Hopkinton .. Warner	Farmer .. Housewife ..	1	.....

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF HOPKINTON FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1897.

Date of Death.	Name and Surname of Deceased.	Age.		Place of birth.	Sex and condition.		Occupation.	Place of Birth.		Name of father.	Maiden name of mother.
		Years.	Months.	Days.	Sex.	Color.		Father.	Mother.		
Jan. 3	Jacob A. White	74	11	28	M.	W.	Farmer	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	O. G. White	Rebecca Brown.
" 6	John Holbrook	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	Daniel F. Fisk	Deil E. Chandler.
Feb. 8	John Holbrook	78	6	17	"	"	Farmer	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	John Holbrook	Mary Hill.
" 11	Salome Mudgett	41	1	6	F.	"	Housewife	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Thomas Chase	Mary L. Pierson.
" 19	Zilpha H. Tyler	88	11	19	"	"	"	"	"	H. H. Hastings	Sally Connor.
" 22	Sarah E. Paige	66	2	2	"	"	"	"	"	Calvin Tyler	Zilpha Hastings.
Mar. 7	Lozaro Currier	77	1	"	M.	"	Farmer	"	Henniker	David C. Currier	Dolly Campbell.
" 26	Lydia L. Smart	82	2	4	"	"	"	"	Hopkinton	Moses Story	Sarah Chandler.
" 27	Loella M. Burnham	54	6	1	F.	"	"	Deering	Hollis	Daniel L. Kimball	Sarah H. Kimball.
Apr. 5	Leonard H. Gordon	18	11	"	M.	"	Printer	"	Haverhill	Leonard A. Gordon	Louise Moore.
May 8	Ruth M. Thompson	42	8	23	F.	"	"	Maghesafelt, ...	Newington	Wm. Thompson	Addie Tyler.
June 16	Gilman B. Kimball	59	8	26	M.	"	Farmer	New London	Hopkinton	Moses T. Kimball	Alice M. Berry.
" 20	Lucy Nichols	77	10	27	F.	"	"	Hopkinton	"	John C. Davis	Sarah Butterfield.
July 1	Quincy, Mass.	82	8	"	"	"	Farmer	Webster	Plainfield	Stephen Sweat	Eliza True.
July 27	Ira C. Sweat	73	11	"	M.	"	"	Campton	"	Josiah Putney	Judith Little.
Aug. 1	Sally W. Tucker	87	11	"	F.	"	"	Goffstown	"	John Stevens	Alice Avery.
Aug. 10	Mary E. S. Kimball	79	6	24	"	"	"	Merrimac, Mass	Northfield	Rufus Sargent	Mary James.
Sept. 9	Clara F. Sargent	60	4	20	M.	"	Farmer	Pittsfield	"	Charles Barton	Abigail Buswell.
Sept. 10	Charles Barton	83	6	10	"	"	"	Hopkinton	Hopkinton	Wm. K. Story	Sarah Marston.
" 21	James K. Story	83	1	4	"	"	"	"	Dunbarton	Winthrop	Lydia Knowlton.
" 27	Samuel G. Bradbury	79	3	9	"	"	"	"	Epsom	Samuel B. Flanders	Hannah Goodwin.
Oct. 17	Elmer H. Flanders	4	11	13	"	"	"	Charlestown, Ms	Hopkinton	Chas. T. Chase	Nellie B. Perkins.
Oct. 23	Leon W. Chase	4	1	9	"	"	"	Germany	Canaan	Sigmond Wolfson	Florence D. Webber.
Nov. 8	Mabel Wolfson	23	"	"	"	"	"	Henniker	"	Alexander Patterson	Eliza P. Clark.
" 17	Mary Hoyt	90	"	"	F.	"	"	"	"	"	"
" 24	Clara A. Johnson	88	7	17	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Dec. 12	Samuel E. Boutwell	57	"	"	M.	"	Farmer	Gilsun	Hopkinton	Thomas E. White	Mary Nelson.
" 29	Thomas E. White	80	6	16	"	"	"	"	"	"	"

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. A. FULLER, Town Clerk.

